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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed April 17, 2002, the following remarks are submitted for your consideration.

Remarks

Applicants respectfully **provisionally elect** the Group I embodiment (embodiment with reservoir) to be prosecuted by way of the present application. That is, Applicants elect claims 8-10, 14, 39-42, and 53 for prosecution in the present application if no generic claim is finally held allowable.

This election is made without traverse with respect to Groups I through XXI. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application, or by prosecution in the present application upon allowance of a generic claim.

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